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Applicant(s): Yasuhiro AYUKAWA et al.					
Invention: PREPARATION OF AN OIL SAMPLE FOR X-RAY FLUORESCENCE ANALYSIS					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2006, finally rejecting claims 2-4, 7, 8, 13-19, 22 and 23, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper. A Declaration is appended to this paper.